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GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BDIS (WEBB, DEL E.), HO

SUBJECT: DEL WEBB CLAIM AGAINST GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS

REF: STATE 203373

1. FORMER AMBASSADOR RAUL CASTRO AND EDWARD J. STEGMANN REPORTED TO AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ RESULTS OF CONVERSATIONS WITH GOH OFFICIALS CONCERNING DEL WEBB CLAIM. RAUL CASTRO AND E. STEGMANN DEPARTING TEGUCIGALPA FOR GUATEMALA ON SAHSA FLIGHT 950 DEPARTING 3:10 P.M. SEPTEMBER 18, FOR OVERNIGHT IN GUATEMALA. THEY REQUEST DISCUSSIONS WITH ROCAP LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 18.

2. CASTRO REPORTS THAT GOH HAS NOT CREATED COMMISSION TO EXAMINE CLAIM AS HAD BEEN PROMISED. NEW COMMITMENT OBTAINED FROM MINFIN ACOSTA BONILLA THAT SUCH COMMISSION WILL BE FORMED AND READY TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH RAUL CASTRO UPON HIS RETURN HIS RETURN NOVEMBER 11.

3. RAUL CASTRO ADVISED MINISTER OF FINANCE THAT HE SHOULD EXPECT POLITICAL APPROACHES DURING HIS COMING VISIT AS
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HEAD HONDURAN DELEGATION TO IMF/IBRD MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON.

SUCH APPROACHES WOULD BE FROM ARIZONA DELEGATION TO U.S. CONGRESS.

4. RAUL CASTRO SAID HE STATED TO MINFIN ACOSTA THAT POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP EXISTS BETWEEN U.S. AID PROGRAM IN HONDURAS AND TREATMENT OF DEL WEBB CLAIM, NOTING FURTHER THE SIZE OF THE PROPOSED AID PROGRAM IN HONDURAS.

5. AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ HOSTED RAUL CASTRO AND E. STEGMANN FOR DINNER AND DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM EVENING SEPTEMBER 17. EMBASSY ARRANGED INITIAL APPOINTMENT WITH VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE FOR MORNING SEPTEMBER 18.
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